

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a media player, comprising:

establishing at least one rule defining a predefined user activity, said rule including at least one condition, additional information external to a user, and an action item to be performed to automatically adjust said media player in accordance with action preferences of said user when said condition is satisfied, wherein the additional information external to said user includes ~~a feature of media on said media player~~ information selected from the group consisting of information from an electronic program guide and information from a caller identification device;

analyzing at least one of audio and video information focused on said user to identify said condition; and

performing said action item if said condition is satisfied.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to pause said media player.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to said media player to begin recording.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to said media player to enter a power save mode.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user activity is a predefined gestural command and said action item is the issuance of a corresponding command to said media player.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a device, comprising:

analyzing at least one of audio and video information focused on a user to identify at least one predefined user activity;

analyzing additional information external to a external user, wherein the additional information external to said user includes ~~a feature of media on said device~~ information selected from the group consisting of information from an electronic program guide and information from a caller identification device; and

performing a predefined action item to automatically adjust said device in accordance with action preferences of said user based on said additional information when said user activity is identified, wherein the predefined user activity is not related to controlling the device.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said device is a media player, said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player, and said action item is the issuance of a command to pause said media player.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said device is a media player, said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player, and said action item is the issuance of command said media player to begin recording.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said device is a media player, said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player, and said action item is the issuance of a command to said media player to enter a power save mode.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A system for controlling a media player, comprising:

a memory for storing computer readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

establish at least one rule defining a predefined user activity, said rule including at least one condition and an action item to be performed to automatically adjust said media player in accordance with action preferences of a user when said condition is satisfied;

analyze at least one of audio and video information focused on said user to identify said condition;

analyze additional information external to said user, wherein the additional information external to said user includes ~~a feature of media on said media player~~ information selected from the group consisting of information from an electronic program guide and information from a caller identification device; and

perform said action item based on said additional information if said condition is satisfied.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to pause said media player.

13. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to said media player to begin recording.

14. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to said media player to enter a power save mode.

15. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said user activity is a predefined gestural command and said action item is the issuance of a corresponding command to said media player.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for controlling a device, comprising:

a memory for storing computer readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

analyze at least one of audio and video information focused on a user to identify at least one predefined user activity;

analyze additional information external to said user, wherein the additional information external to said user includes ~~a feature of media on said device~~

information selected from the group consisting of information from an electronic program guide and information from a caller identification device; and

perform a predefined action item based on said additional information to automatically adjust said device in accordance with action preferences of said user when said user activity is identified, wherein the predefined user activity is not related to controlling the device.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein said device is a media player, said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said device, and said action item is the issuance of a command to pause said media player.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein said device is a media player, said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player, and said action item is the issuance of a command to said media player to begin recording.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein said device is a media player, said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player, and said action item is the issuance of a command to said media player to enter a power save mode.

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for controlling a media player, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising:

a step to establish at least one rule defining a predefined user activity, said rule including at least one condition and an action item to be performed to automatically adjust said media player in accordance with action preferences of a user when said condition is satisfied;

a step to analyze at least one of audio and video information focused on a user to identify said condition;

a step to analyze additional information external to said user, wherein the additional information external to said user includes ~~a feature of media on said media player~~ information selected from the group consisting of information from an electronic program guide and information from a caller identification device;
and

a step to perform said action item based on said additional information if said condition is satisfied.

22. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for controlling a device, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising:

a step to analyze at least one of audio and video information focused on a user to identify at least one predefined user activity;

a step to analyze additional information external to a user, wherein the additional information external to said user includes ~~a feature of media on said device~~ information selected from the group consisting of information from an electronic program guide and information from a caller identification device; and

a step to perform a predefined action item based on said additional information to automatically adjust said device in accordance with action preferences of said user when said user activity is identified, wherein the predefined activity not related controlling the device.